

Listing of Claims:

The following is a complete listing of the claims pending in the present application:

Claim 1 (original): A system for synchronizing a multiplicity of devices in a multimedia environment, comprising:

at least one central storage and interface device, wherein audio, video, and photographic information including content information and content management information, relating to at least one user, are stored in digital form; and

a plurality of zones each having a zone specific storage and interface device being capable of storing or interfacing with information stored in the central storage and interface device, wherein audio, video, or photographic information, relating to at least one user, contained within each one of the plurality of zone specific storage and interface devices and the central storage and interface device, are updated in relation with other zone specific storage and interface devices and the central storage and interface device, whereby the at least one user can be situated at anyone of the zones and access substantially identical audio, video, and photographic information related to the at least one user.

Claim 2 (original): The system of claim 1, further comprising a local area network (LAN) coupled to at least one zone specific storage and interface device with the central storage and interface device, wherein the interconnections within the LAN is hardwired or wireless.

Claim 3 (original): The system of claim 1, further comprising a wide area network (WAN) coupling at least one zone specific storage and interface device with the central storage and interface device.

Claim 4 (original): The system of claim 1, further comprising a set of zone specific output devices coupled to each of the zone specific storage and interface device, wherein audio, video, and photographic information is outputted, thereby the at least one user is disposed to have

substantially identical content information and content management information displayed and manipulated in anyone of the zones.

Claim 5 (original): The system of claim 1, further comprising an output device coupled to the at least one central storage and interface device, wherein audio, video, and photographic information is outputted.

Claim 6 (original): The system of claim 1, further comprising a server, wherein audio, video, and photographic information contained within each one of the plurality of zone specific storage and interface devices and the central storage and interface device are stored therein and updated at a predetermined time in relation with other zone specific storage and interface devices as well as the central storage and interface device, coupled to the WAN.

Claim 7 (original): The system of claim 1, further comprising an other device coupled to the central storage and interface device via a network connection other than the LAN or WAN.

Claim 8 (original): The system of claim 1, wherein the at least one user pre-stores the audio, video, and photographic information by way of using a device comprising the central storage and interface device, and the zone specific storage and interface device.

Claim 9 (original): The system of claim 1, wherein the central storage and interface device comprises means for transmitting or receiving information to or from the zone specific storage and interface device.

Claim 10 (original): The system of claim 1, wherein the zone specific storage and interface device comprises means for transmitting or receiving information to or from the central storage and interface device.

Claim 11 (original): The system of claim 1, wherein the central storage and interface device is capable of converting analog information into digital form.

Claim 12 (original): The system of claim 1, wherein the zone specific storage and interface device is disposed to be coupled to a personal computer (PC).

Claim 13 (original): The system of claim 1, wherein the zone specific storage and interface device is disposed to be coupled to a wireless mobile device.

Claim 14 (original): The system of claim 1, wherein the central storage and interface device is disposed to be coupled to a wireless mobile device via LAN.

Claim 15 (original): The system of claim 1, wherein the central storage and interface device is disposed to be coupled to a wireless mobile device via WAN.

Claim 16 (original): A method for synchronizing a plurality of devices some of which resides in a plurality of zones, comprising the steps of:

- providing the plurality of devices, wherein the devices comprise a plurality of zone specific storage and interface devices, at least one central storage and interface device, and other device;

- providing the plurality of zones, wherein at least one zone specific storage and interface device resides therein, and information content specific to a user is maintained at a substantially identical level among the plurality of devices;

- determining whether a current synchronization point exists;

- if a previous synchronization point exists, receiving information from a server;

- if a previous synchronization point does not exist, sending information to at least one client by a host, wherein the at least one user is disposed to have control;

- determining what information is needed by the at least one client; and

- establishing the resultant state as a synchronization point.

Claim 17 (original): The method of claim 16, further comprising a step of determining when to initiate synchronization.

Claim 18 (original): The method of claim 17, further comprising a step of:
requesting synchronization;
accepting synchronization; and
if synchronization is declined, reverting back to the step of determining when to initiate synchronization.

Claim 19 (original): The method of claim 16, wherein the step of determining whether a previous synchronization point exists involves determining what occurred in time between the last and the current synchronization point.

Claim 20 (original): The method of claim 16, wherein the information comprises data, content, and content management information.

Claim 21 (original): The method of claim 16, wherein the information comprises data structures in audio, video, or picture format.

Claim 22 (original): The method of claim 16, wherein the server comprises the at least one central storage and interface device.

Claim 23 (original): The method of claim 16, wherein the server comprises an on-line server having a database.